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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARN, UNGA, SA

SUBJECT: UNSSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MILITARY AND  
NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE

REF: A) STATE 144994, B) USUN 2272

1. IN MEETING JUNE 11 WITH SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD AL-FEISAL, AMBASSADOR TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IRAQ DRAFT RESOLUTION AT UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) CALLING FOR MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE UN CHARTER CONDEMNING ISRAELI USE OF CLUSTER BOMBS IN LEBANON AND U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL. AMBASSADOR NOTED OUR CONCERN ABOUT RAISING OF SUCH ISSUES AT CONFERENCE AND ADVERSE EFFECT DEBATE ON SUCH QUESTIONS WOULD HAVE ON PRIMARY OBJECT OF SESSION. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED U.S. APPRECIATION FOR SAUDI DECISION NOT TO CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION AND EXPRESSED HOPE SAG WOULD HELP DIFFUSE ISSUE BY VOTING AGAINST RESOLUTION OR AT LEAST ABSTAINING.

2. PRINCE SAUD REPLIED THAT SAG WAS NOT CO-SPONSOR ONLY BECAUSE SPONSORS HAD MOVED TOO QUICKLY TO OBTAIN DECISION BY SAG. SAUDI  
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GOVERNMENT AGREED WITH ANY ACTION CONDEMNING ISRAELI USE OF CLUSTER BOMBS IN LEBANON AND WOULD VOTE FOR RESOLUTION. SAUD SAID ISRAEL CONTINUED ITS THREATENING POSTURE AT TIME MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE UNDER WAY AND IT CONTINUED TO DEVELOP SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS INCLUDING ATOMIC WEAPONS. THIS WAS NOT JUST THREAT TO M.E. BUT TO WORLD.

3. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT RESOLUTION WILL NOT SOLVE PROBLEM AND THAT SUCH A CONDEMNATION WILL ONLY INFLAME EMOTIONS AT VERY TIME WE WORKING TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. SAUD SAID THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO SUCH RESOLUTIONS IN ABSENCE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO CURB ISRAELI EXCESSES. WE WILLING TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE AS WE DID WHEN WE SUPPORTED SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425 ON LEBANON.

4. AMBASSADOR LEFT SAUD A POSITION PAPER DRAWING ON POINTS MADE IN REF A.  
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